Madarsa education in modern subjects

216. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has ever tried to find out, without interfering with theological content of Madarsa education, the ways to improve the quality of Madarsa education in modern subjects;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has recommended for setting up of the Central Madarsa Board for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the outcome of part (a) and action that has been contemplated or is proposed in regard to part (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In regard to quality of teaching in modern subjects referred to in part (a), under the scheme of modern education in madrasas, steps taken by the Government include:

(1) enhancement of honorarium to teachers;

(2) enhancement of the assistance to madrasas for teaching equipment;

(3) assistance through the University Grants Commission for establishing academies for training teachers of modern subjects through the Urdu medium in Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and Maulana Azad National Urdu University.

In regard to part (b), the Central Government shall not proceed in the matter until there is consensus among all stake-holders.

Free education to poor students in private schools in Delhi

217. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADERAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allotted land on concessional rates to such private schools in Delhi that will give 15 per cent compulsory admission to poor students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of schools which were given land on concessional rates and how many of them have implemented the clause relating to free education to poor students alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Directorate of Education, Govt. of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi had issued detailed direction in 2007 regarding provision of 20 per cent free